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Thermoplastic C<sub>2</sub>-α-Olefin Copolymer

Blends And Films

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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

TC 1700 In reply to the Official Action dated September 27, 2001, for which a three (3) month extension of time is requested, making the deadline for reply March 27, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

## In The Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 12 and 28-32, 34, 35 and 37 as follows:

1. (Amended) A polymer blend of at least three polymers comprising:

at least 10% by weight, based upon the weight of the blend, of a first polymer. having a melting point between 55 to 75°C comprising a copolymer of ethylene and at least one α-olefin;

at least 10% by weight, based upon the weight of the blend, of a second polymer having a melting point between 85 to 110°C comprising a copolymer of ethylene and at least one α-olefin; and

at least 10% by weight, based upon the weight of the blend, of a third polymer having a melting point between 115 to 130°C comprising a thermoplastic polymer selected from the group